

REMARKS

Claims 14-27 are pending. By this Preliminary Amendment, claims 1-13 are canceled without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein, and new claims 14-27 are added. Further, the specification and the Abstract are amended to conform to the newly added claims. No new matter has been added.

The above amendments place the application in even better condition for initial examination. Prompt consideration and allowance in due course are earnestly solicited.

Further, only Akira OHMURA and Masahide TANAKA are the inventors of claims 14-27. Accordingly, an Amendment of Inventorship Under 37 C.F.R. §1.48(b) is filed with this Amendment. Approval of the change in inventorship for the above-identified application is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is requested to consider the information identified in the Information Disclosure Statements filed in this application on October 21, 2002, January 15, 2003, May 4, 2004 and July 14, 2004.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further is desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,



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Replacement Abstract

Amendment of Inventorship Under 37 C.F.R. §1.48(b)

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